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SUBJECT: CISKEI INDEPENDENCE INVESTIGATION

1. JOHN BURNS, WHO IS IN NEW YORK WITH CHIEF SEBE FOR THE SENBANK CONFERENCE, CALLED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMONDSON JUNE 22 AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TOLD HIM THAT CHIEF SEBE IS PLANNING TO SET UP A "COMMISSION" TO ADVISE ON THE "FEASIBILITY" OF INDEPENDENCE FOR CISKEI. BURNS SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE COMPOSED OF SOME PROMINENT CISKEI CITIZENS AND, IF POSSIBLE, SOMEONE FROM AN OAU COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT THIS LATTER IDEA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WHICH INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BLOCK SUCH ACTION. THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CISKEI IN A REFERENDUM TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SEEK INDEPENDENCE OR NOT.

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2. BURNS SEEMED SURPRISED THAT EDMONDSON HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS, FROM WHICH EDMONDSON ASSUMED THAT THE SUBJECT HAS PERHAPS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS. VANCE

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